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To the Chairman and Members of the Teifiside Rural District Council.

Joint Report of the Medical Officers of Health of the Teifi-side Rural District Council for the year 1948

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen :—

We beg to submit our Report upon the Health and Sanitary Conditions of the Cardigan and Llandyssul districts for the year ending December 31st, 1948.

GENERAL STATISTICS.

Area (in acres)	73,102
Population	10,420
Number of houses	3,676
Rateable Value	£22,034
Sum represented by penny rate	£91 : 16 : 2

There has been a slight increase in the number of unemployed.
The chief industry carried on in the district is Agriculture.
Unemployment has not affected in any way the health of the unemployed in the district.

VITAL STATISTICS.

	Male	Female	Total	
Live Births—Legitimate ...	68	76	144	Rate per thousand of
Illegitimate ...	7	6	13	population—15.1.
Still Births—Legitimate ...	0	1	1	Rate per thousand live and
Illegitimate ...	—	—	—	still births—15.2.
Deaths	65	75	140	Death rate per thousand—13.4.

	Deaths.	
Puerperal Sepsis	1	Rate per 1000—6.4.
Other puerperal causes	0	Rate per 1000—0.
Deaths of infants under 12 months		3 (legitimate).
Deaths from Cancer (all ages)		12 males ; 14 females
Deaths from Measles		0
Deaths from Whooping Cough		0
Deaths from Diarrhoea (under 2 years)		0

PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES.

1.—Public Health Officers :—

There are two part-time Medical Officers.
One full-time Sanitary Inspector.
One part-time Meat Inspector.
One full-time Surveyor.
One part-time Architect.
One full-time Plumber.

2.—Laboratory Facilities :—

There is a clinic held at Cardigan Hospital every Monday where Bacteriological swabs, etc. are undertaken Ambulance Services :—There is an ambulance stationed at Cardigan Hospital and one at Adpar.

There are 8 qualified nurses engaged in the area.

Infant Welfare Clinics : There are 4 clinics in the area, viz., Aberporth ; Llandyssul ; Henllan and Pontgarreg.

These are held every fortnight. Immunisation against diphtheria and vaccination against Small Pox is carried out at these clinics.

3.—Midwifery and Maternity Services :—The majority of cases are admitted to the maternity ward at Cardigan Hospital. The rest are conducted in the home.

Orthopaedic Treatment :—No changes during the year.

Health Visitors :—No changes during the year.

Infant Life Protection : No changes during the year.

Nursing Home Regulations : No changes during the year.

Schools : The schools are periodically visited for the purpose of inspecting the sanitary arrangements.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

1. Nine cases of Pneumonia and seven cases of Scarlet Fever were notified in the district. Apart from these very few cases were reported during the year.
2. Artificial immunisation against Diphtheria is carried out throughout the year.
3. Infectious diseases cases are sent to the Aberystwyth Fever Hospital.
4. No action was taken in regard to the use of Measles serum for prophylaxis.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES.

Diseases	*Total cases notified*	*Cases admitted to hospital*	*Total Deaths*
Small Pox	0	0	0
Scarlet Fever	5	0	0
Diphtheria	0	0	0
Enteric Fever	0	0	0
Puerperal Fever	1	0	1
Puerperal Pyrexia ...	0	0	0
Pneumonia	9	0	3
Erysopelas	0	0	0

BLINDNESS.

No action was taken under Section 66 of the Public Health Act, 1925.

CANCER.

During the year there was a slight increase in the number of Cancer cases. Several cases were sent to Radium Centres for treatment and more use was made of the facilities provided in National Radium Centres.

TUBERCULOSIS.

No action was taken under the Public Health Regulations or Section 62 of the Public Health Act, 1925.

TUBERCULOSIS—NEW CASES AND MORTALITY.

New Cases				*Deaths*			
Respiratory		*Non-Respiratory*		*Respiratory*		*Non-Respiratory*	
M.	*F.*	*M.*	*F.*	*M.*	*F.*	*M.*	*F.*
3	2	0	0	1	1	0	0

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DENTAL TREATMENT.

There is no Dental Officer in the area. Expectant and Nursing mothers and children under 5 years of age are treated by the local dentist. The number of cases treated is not available. No clinical research was carried out during the year.

MENTAL HEALTH.

A clinic is held at Cardigan Hospital every Saturday by the Medical Superintendent of St. David's Hospital, Carmarthen.

During the year several cases were treated in the Electro-Convulsive Therapy Out-patient Department at St. David's Hospital, Carmarthen.

AMBULANCE SERVICES.

No action was taken under Section 47 of the National Assistance Act, 1948.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

MEAT : Ministry of Food Slaughterhouses from which meat is distributed throughout the Teifiside Area are situated outside the area at Cardigan and Newcastle Emlyn. Meat is inspected in this area only when it is actually on sale in the shops.

FACTORIES, WORKSHOPS AND WORKPLACES.

1. Inspection of Factories, Workshops and Workplaces—16.
2. Defects found—6.

SANITARY CONDITIONS OF THE DISTRICT.

WATER :

Samples of water were taken from the following Mains supplies :—

Verwig—Highly Satisfactory ; Cwmcoy—Highly Satisfactory ; Capel Cynon—Highly Satisfactory; Llandyssul—Highly Satisfactory ; Capel Dewi—Satisfactory ; Wern Ddu—Highly Satisfactory ; Pontgarreg—Satisfactory ; Aberporth—Highly Satisfactory ; Llangranog—Unsatisfactory ; Tresaith—Unsatisfactory ; Adpar—Highly Satisfactory ; Cenarth—Highly Satisfactory ; Vagwr—Highly Satisfactory ; Glynarthen—Suspicious.

DRAINAGE :

No major schemes of drainage have been carried out during the year. Many private dwellings have been installed with their own private schemes. The sanitary arrangements for new dwellings have been carefully inspected and tested before being put into use.

SANITARY INSPECTION OF DISTRICT.

Some 300 inspections were carried out during the year. These included :—

1. Inspections in respect of nuisances.
2. Cowsheds and dairies.
3. Drainage.
4. Water Supplies.
5. Shops and Schools.

HOUSING.

Number of new houses erected during the year :

(*a*) by the Local Authority—12.

(*b*) by Private enterprise—3.

Number of houses inspected under the Housing Acts—162.

Number of houses considered unfit for habitation—12.

No organised survey of housing conditions in the area have been carried out under the recommendation of the Hobhouse Report on Rural Housing.

Number of defective houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action—15.

Action under Statutory Powers—Nil.

RODENT CONTROL SCHEME.

One full-time operator is employed by the Council. During the year 357 premises were inspected and 225 places treated. The sewers at Llandyssul were treated twice and also the refuse tips.

We have the honour to be, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servants,

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TREVOR G. DAVIES

(*Medical Officers of Health*).